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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2171

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, LA

SUBJECT: LAO ARMED FORCES DAY

1. TRADITIONAL LAO ARMY DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN AUSTERE MANNER TODAY. THERE WAS NO CIVILIAN PARADE, AND MILITARY PARADE CONSISTED ONLY OF ABOUT ONE BATTALION FAR REGULARS AND POLICE, AIR FORCE AND AIR CADETS. ONLY INNOVATION WERE A DOZEN AMX 706 ARMORED CARS, NICELY CAMOUFLAGED, THAT PASSED WITHOUT A SINGLE BREAKDOWN. PRIMIN DID NOT RPT NOT SPEAK AND KING GAVE OUT DECLARATIONS TO SOME 45 OFFICERS, INCLUDING SOUTHCHAI AND THAO LY.

2. AS USUAL VILLAGE WAS RIFE WITH RUMORS THAT THERE WOULD BE A COUP AND THAT OUTLYING MILITARY UNITS WERE CONCENTRATING ON VIENTIANE. THESE TALES HAD REACHED THE EARS OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR WHO APPEARED REASSURED WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS UTTER BALDERDASH.
GODLEY

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